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WILD RUMORS.

THE Maui Chamber of Commerce appointed an investigating committee some time ago, and the result was that a report was turned in that showed that certain acts of the Maui supervisors were, to say the least, foolish. The committee's report was acknowledged to be a fair one and the Chamber accepted it. There were no clear charges of "graft" and the only point not cleared up was the ownership of a certain auto-truck. As the county repudiated any dealings that may have been made in regard to the truck, the matter was left to the man who ordered the wagon and the firm that shipped it to him. The liability as to the truck is still being discussed, and that is where the matter ends, at present. Wild rumors of "graft" to the extent of the Hawaii scandal, are absurd. The roads we have and the evidence that county funds have been expended properly, make it impossible for any real "graft" of the Hawaii fashion. The article appearing in the "By-stander" column of The Advertiser, on Sunday last, was evidently instigated by some one with an ax to grind. The investigating committee that reported on county affairs, has accomplished much good, and has started a system of economy that will be kept up all along the line till the county is run on a better basis than ever before. As to the remark that the Maui newspapers have not mentioned anything about the state of affairs on Maui, it is sufficient to say that THE MAUI NEWS has said all that is necessary to say, so far, and that every charge made, and every charge confirmed, by the investigating committee has been written of in this paper. There is no desire to hush up scandal and, as anything is proved, the facts will appear in print. Wild rumors and risky statements are good sources of libel suits.

RACING.

THE decision of the Maui Racing Association's executive committee to arrange a program that appeals more to the owners of local horses and island bred animals, than to men who bring some skate down from the mainland just to "cop" the prize money, and depart for pastures new immediately afterwards, is an excellent one. If there is any justification for horse racing at all, it is on account of the improvement and upkeep of the breed. To degenerate to nothing but a gambling institution carried on with any kind of a rotten equine, that can run half a mile when full of dope, has been the fate of horse racing on the mainland. It has been a skin game for years, and the talk about the improving of the breed of horses is a fallacy. When horse breeders and owners run horses that can carry 140 lbs. or so, over a two mile course, there will be a revival of the sport of kings. Dope horses and weeds that should have been fed to the Zoo animals shortly after the fact developed that they could not travel over a longer distance than three or four furlongs, should not be encouraged. The game was killed on the mainland by just such races when even the "sprinters" were not allowed to run straight. The half hearted revival which is attracting all the touts of the country, is doomed to end the same way. Therefore, it is a matter of congratulation that the Maui Racing Association is catering for the local horse breeders. The purses are generous enough for gentlemen owners and as for the other class of horsemen, we don't want them at all.

COWARDS.

ABOUT the meanest thing in the world is the man who writes anonymous letters to the press, attacking public officials and charging them with all sort of graft, and still not having the courage to sign his name to the dirty effusion. One man of this sort has written the editor of this paper and, under the cloak of a nom de plume, has charged many men whose shoes he is not fit to clean, with rank graft. The coward claims that the men in question have not "the guts" to clean up alleged abuses and yet, to cap it all, the sneak scribe has not "the guts" to sign his own letter. By a fortunate chance the writer's name has become known and as he has a skeleton closet full of his own, there may be developments when the men he now charges with all sorts of delinquencies, find out who he is.

KNOCKING OFF THE TARIFF.

LIKE many another question, it very much depends on the point of view. President Wilson, and those who supported him in his tariff tinkering, if their deductions are correct, and the price of sugar goes down proportionately to the reduction of the tariff, will be congratulating themselves in that the general consumer will be getting his sugar at lower prices than ever before. That sounds good, doesn't it?

But sugar factories, both cane and beet, are to suffer much, possibly utter extinction. If not that, then few factories where now there are many, can keep up after the tariff is all off sugar.

Many thousands who now get employment, will have to seek other employment, when the fields are already full.

The industry called cattle feeding, which has been growing in California will be cut out and another great business for the purpose of furnishing meat for the masses cut down; the Russians and others, who have been induced to come this country, and who know but little except work in the cane fields, will be out of a job.

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